Netherlands and M/s Larsen and Toubro of India on 18th August, 1999. Contractor has mobilised the equipment and preliminary works of removal of overburden, quarry operation, grizzly installation, construction of roads and work harbour etc. are in advanced stage of completion. Dredging for breakwaters is scheduled to commence after monsoon. M/s Redecon-Nedeco is the consultants for the marine works, who are presently on site to supervise the execution of work.

The contract for consultancy services for the onshore works consisting of technical infrastructure, Administrative and Logistic facilities and Township has already been concluded with M/s MECON. Site survey and updating of detailed Project Reports is in progress by M/s MECON.

As per the project planning, the project is scheduled to be completed in 2005 AD.

Compulsory Short Term Military Training

2509. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:
SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a compulsory short-term military training is proposed to be started for the youth to impart a sense of patriotism;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(c) by when it is to be started?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.